

The following is a marked up version of each amended claim in which underlines indicate insertions and brackets indicate deletions.

- 5. (AMENDED) The article of claim 1, wherein said longitudinal fibers have a [flat cross-section] cross sectional shape selected from the group consisting of flat, rectangular, elliptical, round, and oval.
- 7. (AMENDED) The article of claim 1, wherein said lateral fibers have a [flat cross-section] cross sectional shape selected from the group consisting of flat, rectangular, elliptical, round, and oval.
- 16. (AMENDED) The method of claim [14] 15, wherein the structural element is cleaned and roughened prior to placing said fiber mesh tape on the structural element.
- 17. (AMENDED) The method of claim [14] <u>15</u>, wherein said bonding agent is an epoxy resin.
- 18. (AMENDED) The method of claim [14] <u>15</u>, wherein pressure is applied to said fiber mesh tape such that said bonding agent flows through said fiber mesh tape thereby eliminating air pockets and thick areas of said bonding agent.

20. (AMENDED) The method of claim [14] 15, further comprising the step of applying pressure to said fiber mesh tape thereby forcing said fiber mesh tape towards the structural element until said bonding agent retains said fiber mesh tape to the structural element.